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RV Industry Dislocated Worker Programs

Background

Over the last several months, the RV industry in Northeast Indiana has experienced a significant number of dislocations affecting thousands of workers. Most of these workers are in need of additional training and employment services. In response to these dislocations and the needs of the affected workers, the Governor has set aside additional special funding and instructed the Department of Workforce Development to apply for a National Emergency Grant in addition to the funding already available under the formula Dislocated Worker program.

The Department of Workforce Development was notified that its National Emergency Grant was approved with an effective date of July 10, 2008.

Purpose

To provide guidance for local WorkOne offices on the availability and sources of funding for the provision of services to workers dislocated from the RV industry.

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In response to the Governor's directives, the following funding sources are available for the provision of services to workers dislocated from the RV industry:

1. Regular WIA Adult and Dislocated Worker Formula Funds

Local areas shall leverage their existing formula allocations to ensure that core, staff assisted core, intensive and supportive services are made available to all eligible dislocated workers prior to, and in conjunction with, the receipt of training services funded under either the Governor's \$3 Million Rapid Response Grant or the RV Industry National Emergency Grant.

2. Governor's \$3 Million Rapid Response Grant (Associates Degree Program)

The purpose of this funding stream is to provide direct access to associate degree, credential and certification programs that will assist workers in finding and securing employment in both high wage and high demand occupations. Funding from this grant is directed toward Individualized Training Accounts. Local areas shall leverage their existing formula allocations to ensure that core, staff assisted core, intensive and supportive services are made available to all workers prior to the receipt of an ITA.

In addition to regular WIA regulatory eligibility provisions, eligibility for funding is limited to the following individuals:

1. Workers that have been permanently dislocated from the RV industry or related suppliers on or after **January 1, 2008**; and,
2. Workers who have been directly dislocated from either an RV manufacturer or a direct supplier¹.

NOTE: Workers who do not meet the additional eligibility provisions noted above shall be served through regular WIA formula allocations (e.g. WIA Adult, Dislocated Worker, Wagner-Peyser, and Veterans programs).

The funding limit for each ITA is capped and shall not exceed six thousand dollars per dislocated worker². This funding cap applies only to ITAs and does not include core, staff assisted core, intensive and supportive services.

Service delivery for RV program participants will be documented in a manner consistent with WIA regulations as they pertain to Dislocated Workers. Staff will enter services in TrackOne and utilize funding streams, as appropriate including Dislocated Worker and RV funding streams, to record services. The funding stream for RV funded services is **Assoc. Degree Prog -- RR.**

¹ Additional and individual guidance on this interpretation is available from the Department upon written request to the Deputy Commissioner of Policy and Field Operations.

² If additional training dollars are needed for an individual, written requests may be made to the Department through the Deputy Commissioner of Policy and Field Operations.

3. RV Industry National Emergency Grant

The initial grant award was approved by USDOL under an industry-wide classification, meaning that grant funds can be used to serve workers that have been dislocated as a result of the downturn in the RV industry in Northern Indiana. The National Emergency Grant provides funding for training utilizing Individual Training Accounts that are capped at \$6,000 in total. The funding cap applies only to ITAs and does not include core, staff assisted core, intensive and supportive services. The NEG does contain funding for the provision of core, staff assisted core, intensive and supportive services for eligible workers, however, the funding is limited and does not replace the need to leverage regular formula funding for the provision of these service types.

Service delivery for RV NEG program participants will be documented in a manner consistent with WIA regulations as they pertain to Dislocated Workers. Staff will enter services in TrackOne and utilize funding streams, as appropriate including Dislocated Worker and RV specific funding streams, to record services.

The funding stream for the RV NEG is **RV NEG IN-08**.

In order to be included in the service provision funded under National Emergency Grant, dislocated RV workers must have been laid off from a company that is included in the NEG Application. The Department of Workforce Development must work with the US Department of Labor to modify its NEG program to include companies that dislocated workers and/or closed following the submission of the Department's initial application.

In its approved National Emergency Grant application, the Department included the following RV-related companies:

- 1) Dutchmen Manufacturing – Goshen, IN
- 2) Keystone RV Company – Goshen, IN
- 3) Monaco Coach – Nappanee, IN
- 4) Monaco Coach – 3 facilities – Elkhart, IN
- 5) Monaco Coach – Wakarusa, IN
- 6) Newmar Corporation – Nappanee, IN
- 7) Pilgrim International – 2 facilities – Middlebury, IN
- 8) Sundowner Trailers – Elkhart, IN

Detailed guidance on the process to expand the list of eligible companies is contained in Technical Assistance Bulletin 2008-11-- National Emergency Grant for Recreational Vehicle Industry: Adding Additional Companies through Grant Modification.

Action

WorkOne staff should follow this guidance when determining the appropriate source of funding for serving workers dislocated from the RV industry.

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